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## **SACATON MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAKING THREE BOMB THREATS TO SCHOOL**

PHOENIX – Dakota Dominguez, 21, of Sacaton, Ariz. was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone to three years in federal prison. Dominguez pleaded guilty to three counts of making telephone bomb threats to the St. Peter's Mission Indian School on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

Dominguez was a teacher's aide at the school. On three separate dates, August 30, 2006, September 28, 2006 and November 8, 2006, he called 911 and threatened that he had a bomb at the school and was going to blow it up. At least one of the calls was made from his cell phone as he was supervising children on the playground. During one call, he also threatened to shoot one of the teachers as well as one of the Franciscan sisters.

After each call, the school was significantly disrupted. The 250 plus occupants of the school, including Kindergarten children as young as four years old as well as elderly and frail Franciscan nuns, evacuated the school after the first two bomb threats. The children had to wait outside of their school for hours in a desert field, enduring temperatures as high as 113 degrees before transportation arrangements could be made. Several children urinated on themselves because of fear and/or the inability to use restroom facilities. Other children suffered from hyperventilation and had to be transported to the hospital. Some students and faculty who suffered from diabetes had to be treated by paramedics. After one bomb threat, a maintenance man stated that the children clung to his body asking if they were going to die.

The identity of the caller was unknown until shortly after the last bomb threat due to the lack of sophisticated cell tracking procedures for calls originating from the reservation. Once the defendant was identified, he admitted to making the calls but did not give a reason for the calls.

Several community members from the Gila River Indian Reservation attended the sentencing including seven Franciscan sisters, teachers, and parents. A 12-year-old student addressed the court and told the judge how the bomb threats negatively impacted her and the other students.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Sharon K. Sexton, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz.

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